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Abstract

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IN A little town nestled in the mountains of Switzerland lived an old watch-maker. One day a queer-looking watch appeared in the window. The people of the village talked about the watch, wondering what good it was. "You cannot tell time with it," they said. "What good is a watch that you cannot tell time with?"

Finally they went to the watch-maker. "You have always been a good watch-maker," they said, thinking maybe he was crazy, "But we were wondering about this watch," pointing to the window.

The watch-maker picked it up and held it fondly. "This is my greatest watch," he said. "It is beautiful!"

"Why do you make watches?" the people said.

"For the people, so they know what time it is. People used to look at my watch and nod. Now they look at my watches and run. They have time for nothing. 'Hurry, it is almost time for me to be there,' they said."

"But you cannot tell time with your watch."

The watch-maker nodded. "I know," he said, "I know."



Etching

Elizabeth Adams

Crusted silver leaves drift down upon a silver scene
And shavings from the moon are flung over the softness of the
night.

Some call them stars

And some call them pieces of love

That break away and are tossed heavenward.